
**Paints and varnishes — Evaluation
of degradation of coatings —
Designation of quantity and size of
defects, and of intensity of uniform
changes in appearance —**

Part 4:
Assessment of degree of cracking

*Peintures et vernis — Évaluation de la dégradation des revêtements
— Désignation de la quantité et de la dimension des défauts, et de
l'intensité des changements uniformes d'aspect —*

Partie 4: Évaluation du degré de craquelage



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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4628-4:2003), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- a) lower limit for visual assessment of defects has been introduced in [Table 2](#);
- b) a normative reference to ISO 13076 for illumination for the assessment has been added.

ISO 4628 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance*:

- *Part 1: General introduction and designation system*
- *Part 2: Assessment of degree of blistering*
- *Part 3: Assessment of degree of rusting*
- *Part 4: Assessment of degree of cracking*
- *Part 5: Assessment of degree of flaking*
- *Part 6: Assessment of degree of chalking by tape method*
- *Part 7: Assessment of degree of chalking by velvet method*
- *Part 8: Assessment of degree of delamination and corrosion around a scribe or other artificial defect*
- *Part 10: Assessment of degree of filiform corrosion*

Paints and varnishes — Evaluation of degradation of coatings — Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance —

Part 4: Assessment of degree of cracking

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4628 specifies a method for assessing the degree of cracking of coatings by comparison with pictorial standards.

ISO 4628-1 defines the system used for designating the quantity and size of defects and the intensity of changes in appearance of coatings and outlines the general principles of the system. This system is intended to be used, in particular, for defects caused by ageing and weathering, and for uniform changes such as colour changes, for example yellowing.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies

ISO 13076, *Paints and varnishes — Lighting and procedure for visual assessments of coatings*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

degree of cracking

rating characterizing cracks in a coating in terms of quantity, size, and depth

4 Assessment

Assess the quantity of cracking by reference to [Table 1](#) and using as example [Figure 1](#) or [Figure 2](#), depending on the type of cracking.

NOTE [Figure 1](#) shows cracking without preferential direction and [Figure 2](#) shows cracking in one preferential direction, which occurs with substrates such as wood (“anisotropic” substrates). Other forms of cracking occur, but the principles of assessing the quantity remain the same.